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I, Brett R. Hanson, hereby declare:

- I am the shareholder and principal of CLRB Hanson Industries, LLC ("CLRB"), one of the plaintiffs in the above action. I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs'
 Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.
- 2. Since 2002, CLRB has been a Google AdWords Program advertiser. What enticed CLRB (and its predecessor, Industrial Printing), to the AdWords program and what CLRB relied on was the fact that Google represented that CLRB would control its costs by setting a daily budget and per click charges, and there was no minimum charge.
- 3. Google also represents that the participant in the AdWords Program can pause its ads and not accrue any charges while its ads are paused. I found that feature extremely beneficial and generally paused CLRB's AdWords campaigns often in order to control advertising costs and demand for its services.
- 4. When CLRB (and its predecessor, Industrial Printing) enrolled in the AdWords Program, it provided the information required, such as, the name of the ad campaign, email address, billing information, daily budget and costs per click. I was not directed to, nor did I, review any of the numerous FAQs (frequently asked questions) that you can access online if you wanted to. I do not recall that I had to accept the FAQs prior to joining the AdWords Program and Google has not produced any evidence to the contrary.
- 5. Google states that the: "Ad system ensures you never pay more than your daily budget multiplied by the number of days in a month your campaign was active." See Exhibit A hereto. In contrast to the way Google promotes AdWords (as a program that gives the advertiser complete control over its charges), CLRB has been often charged by Google amounts greater than its daily budget. CLRB has also been charged by Google amounts in excess of the amount of its daily budget times the number of days that a campaign was active during the course of a month.
- 6. For example, CLRB's AdWords campaign (contract decorating), ran for twenty-seven days during the month of February 2005. (See Exhibit B, P-0057-60.) During that time the daily budget was set at \$50. (See Exhibit B, P-0057-60, column 4.) It was charged a total of

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\$1,399.99 during that period. (See Exhibit B, GOOG-HN 21583-21624.) This came out to \$49.99 more than the daily budget, multiplied by the number of days in the month that the campaign was active. In March 2005, the campaign ran for seventeen days with a \$50 daily budget. (See Exhibit B, P-0060-62.) It was charged \$1,063.35. (See Exhibit B, GOOG-HN 21624-21654.) This amounts to \$213.35 more than the daily budget of \$50 times the number of days the campaign was active between March 1 and March 31, 2005. It was given a total of \$177.85 in overdelivery credits for the contract decorating ad campaign March charges. See Exhibit B, GOOG-HN 21624-21654.

- 7. While these overcharges may seem small, when you consider the hundreds of thousands of AdWords advertisers, the monthly bills to each and all those with daily budgets much higher than CLRB's, the amount of monies Google receives from these overcharges becomes very significant.
- 8. When I complained about the overcharges to Google, I was told by Google that it indeed bills more than a daily budget on any given day (up to 120% of the daily budget,) and that Google will charge up to 30 or 31 times a daily budget in a monthly bill. Thus, if my daily budget is \$1,000, Google states it is free to charge up to \$1,200 a day, as long as it doesn't charge more than \$3,000 or \$3,100 in a month. However, that is contrary to how Google advertised and promoted their AdWords Program. If, CLRB had an active campaign for 10 days during a monthly period, I expect to be charged at most, \$10,000, not \$12,000, which Google now states it is free to charge.
- 9. Delivery of ads over and above CLRB's daily budget is not beneficial to it because there is a limit to the amount of responses it can handle. The overdelivery just adds to its costs.
- Google's promotion of its AdWords Program and its billing practices are 10. deceptive and misleading.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. This declaration is executed in Plymouth, Minnesota on this 27th day of September, 2006.

BRETT R. HANSON

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